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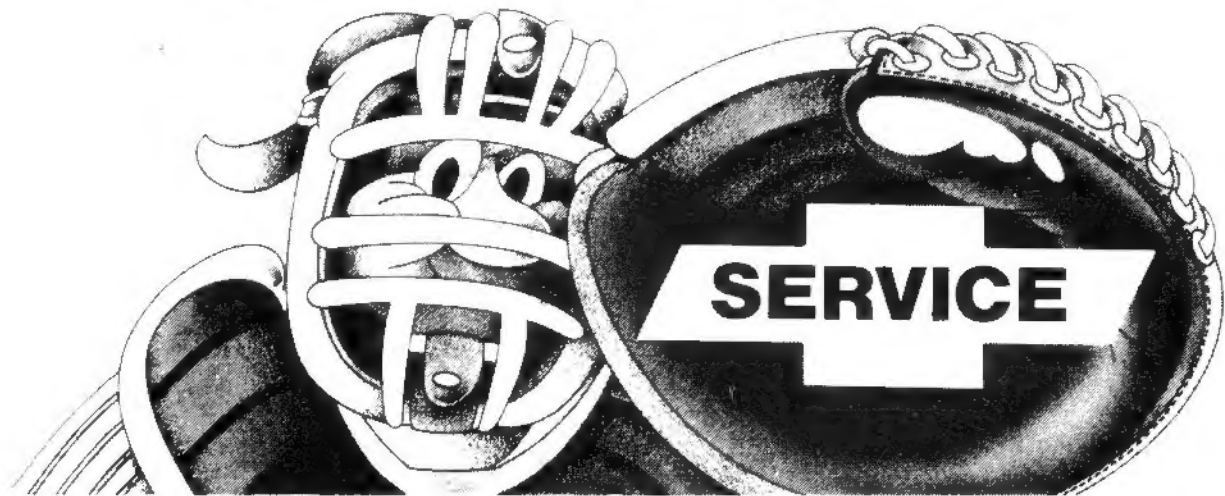
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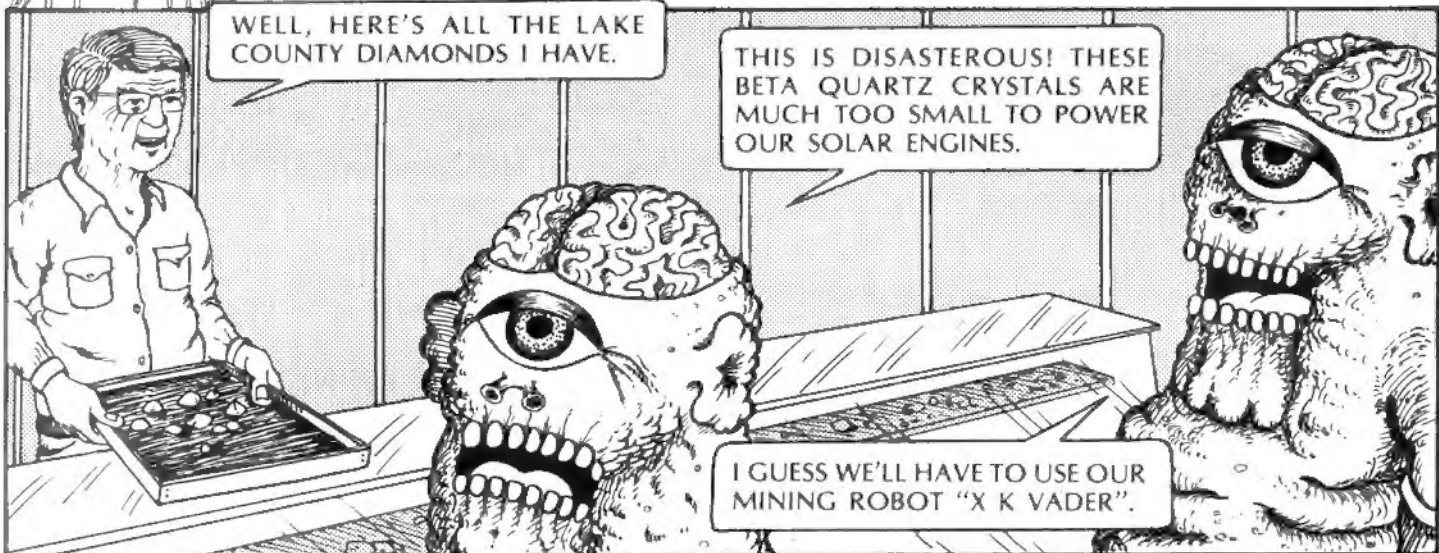
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HOWDY, I'M ZEKE TRIMBALIMS AND I'LL BE YOUR HOST IN THIS EDITION OF LAKE COUNTY COMIX. IN OUR LAST ISSUE AN ALIEN SPACECRAFT FROM THE PLANET "UNOP" WAS FORCED TO LAND IN LAKE COUNTY. THEIR NEED FOR BETA QUARTZ CRYSTALS TO POWER THEIR VESSEL BROUGHT THEM TO A LOCAL ROCK SHOP.



WELL, HERE'S ALL THE LAKE COUNTY DIAMONDS I HAVE.

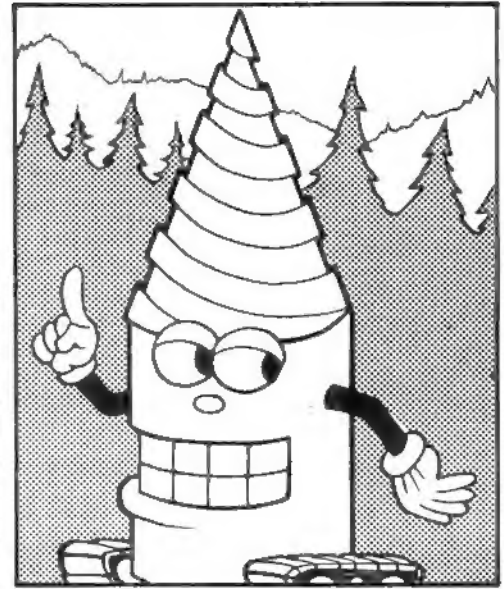
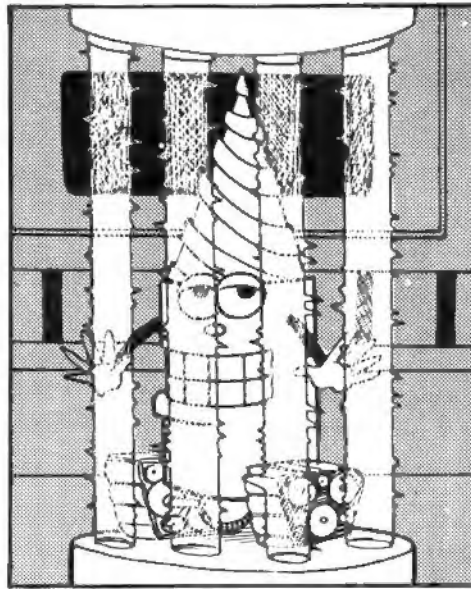
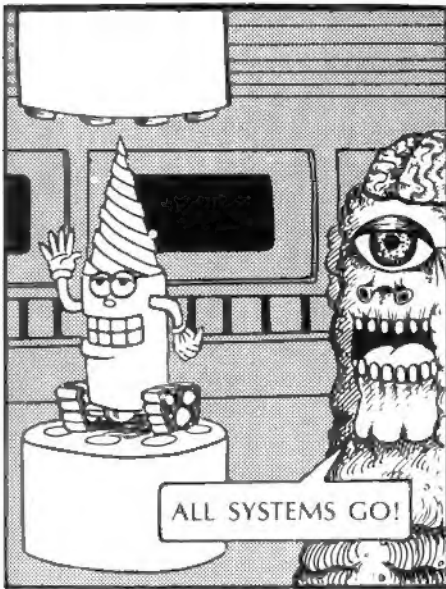
THIS IS DISASTEROUS! THESE BETA QUARTZ CRYSTALS ARE MUCH TOO SMALL TO POWER OUR SOLAR ENGINES.

I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO USE OUR MINING ROBOT "X K VADER".

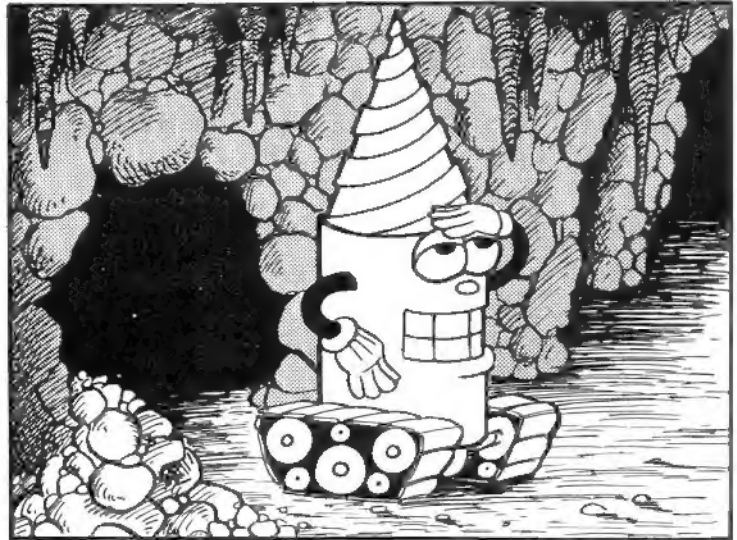
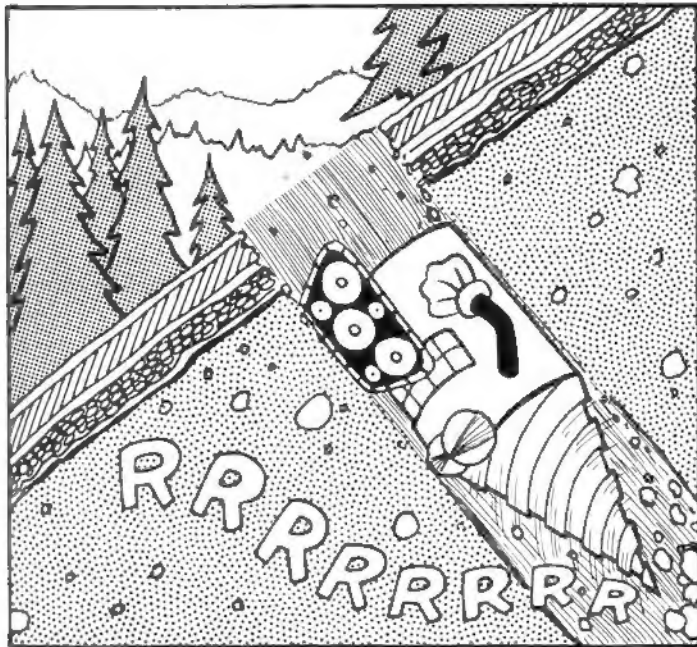


I'VE SET ALL THE CONTROLS IN HIS COMPUTER BANKS AND CHECKED HIS SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS EQUIPMENT.

IF EVERYTHING CHECKS OUT, BEAM HIM TO COBB MOUNTAIN.

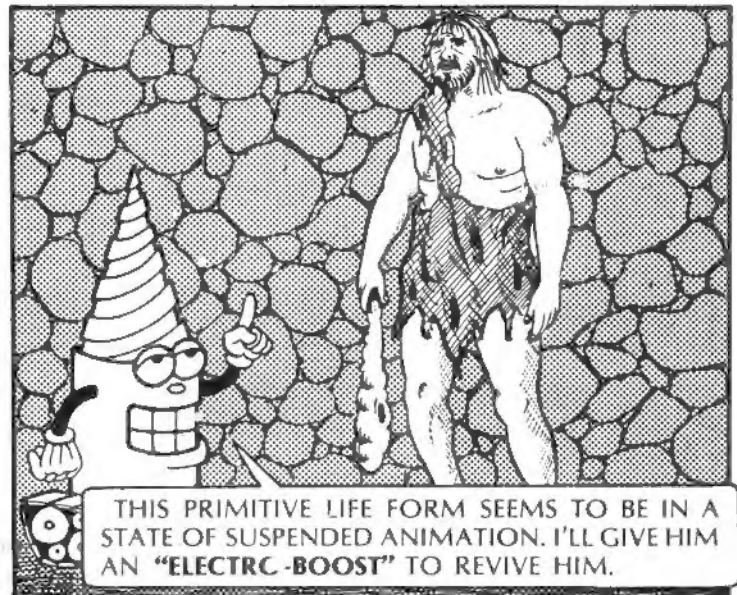
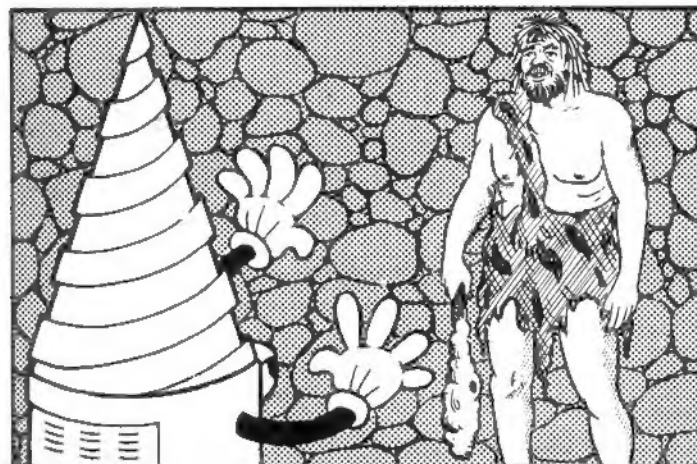


ONCE ON COBB MOUNTAIN X K VADER BEGINS HIS DUTY. . . .



. ONLY TO END UP IN A SUBTERRANEAN CAVERN.

AFTER A BRIEF EXPLORATION OF THE CAVERN THE COMPUTERIZED ROBOT DISCOVERS "CAVEMAN COBB".



THIS PRIMITIVE LIFE FORM SEEMS TO BE IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION. I'LL GIVE HIM AN "ELECTRC-BBOOST" TO REVIVE HIM.



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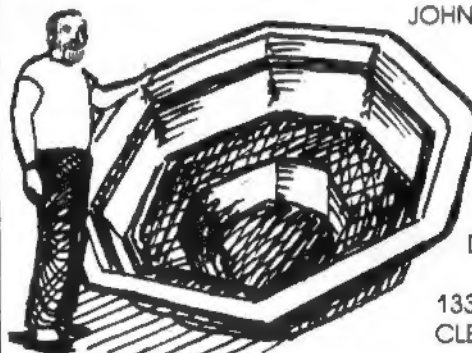
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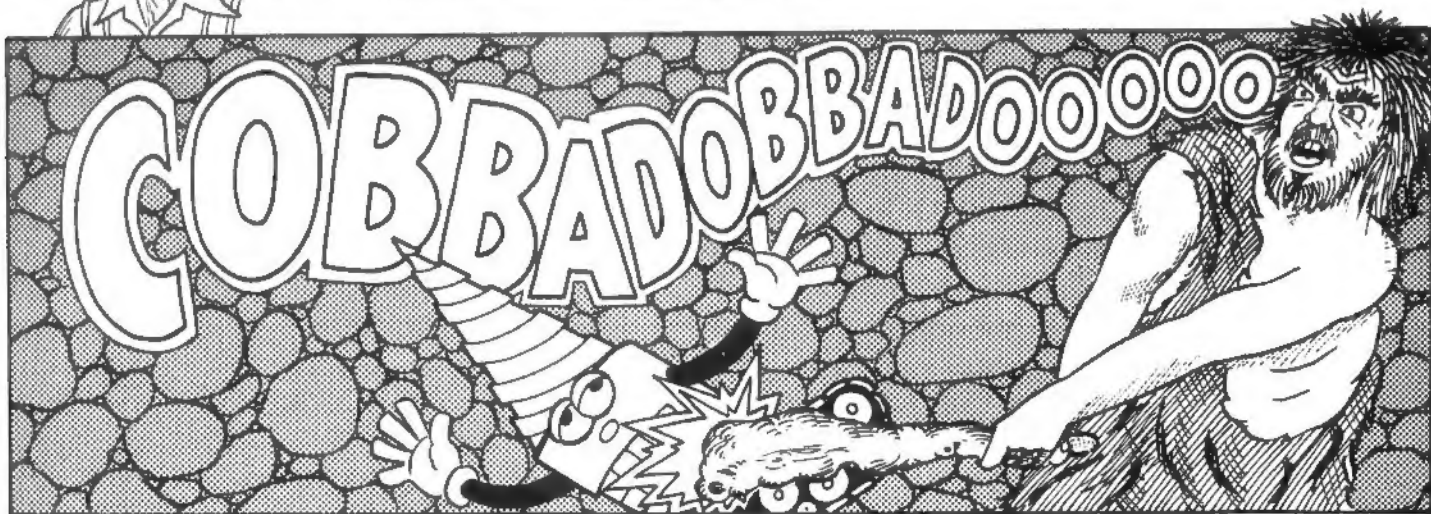
X K VADER SETS HIS CONTROL BANKS FOR A LIFE GIVING "ELECTRO-BOOST". TAKING PRECISE AIM HE SATURATES THE ENTIRE BODY OF THE CAVEMAN.



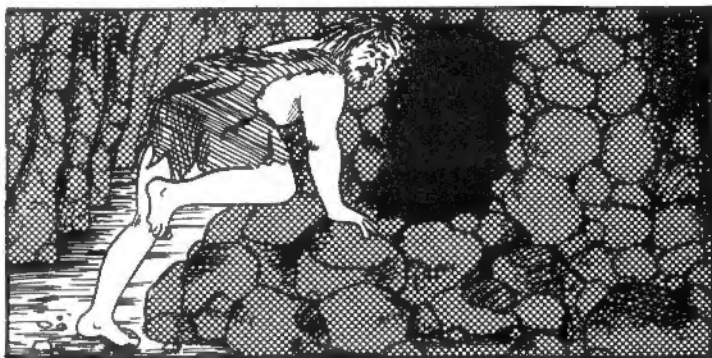
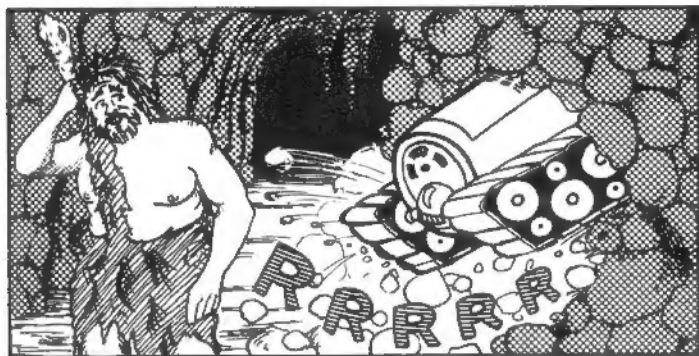
THE STARTLED CAVEMAN COBB IS AWAKENED FROM HIS LONG SLEEP. NEEDLESS TO SAY, HE IS EXTREMELY BEWILDERED.



IN FACT THE PRIMITIVE CREATURE IS SO SURPRISED THAT HE REARS BACK AND WITH A LOUD PRIMAL SCREAM, SWINGS HIS HUGE CLUB INTO THE SIDE OF X K VADER, DAMAGING HIS COMPLEX COMPUTER BANKS.



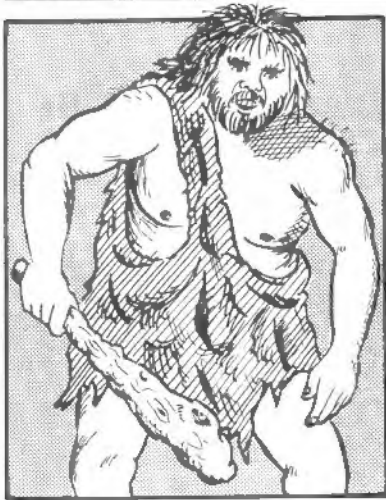
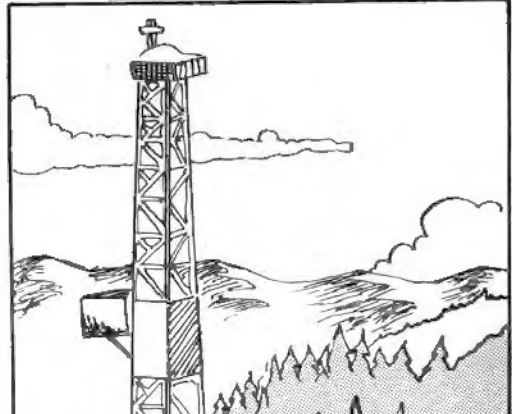
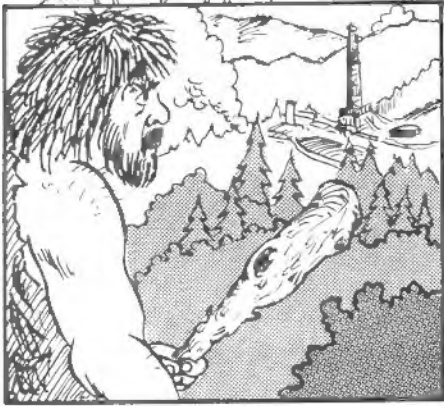
THE MALFUNCTIONING ROBOT IMMEDIATELY BEGINS DRILLING A MASSIVE EXIT, LEAVING THE CAVERN AND CAVEMAN COBB BEHIND.



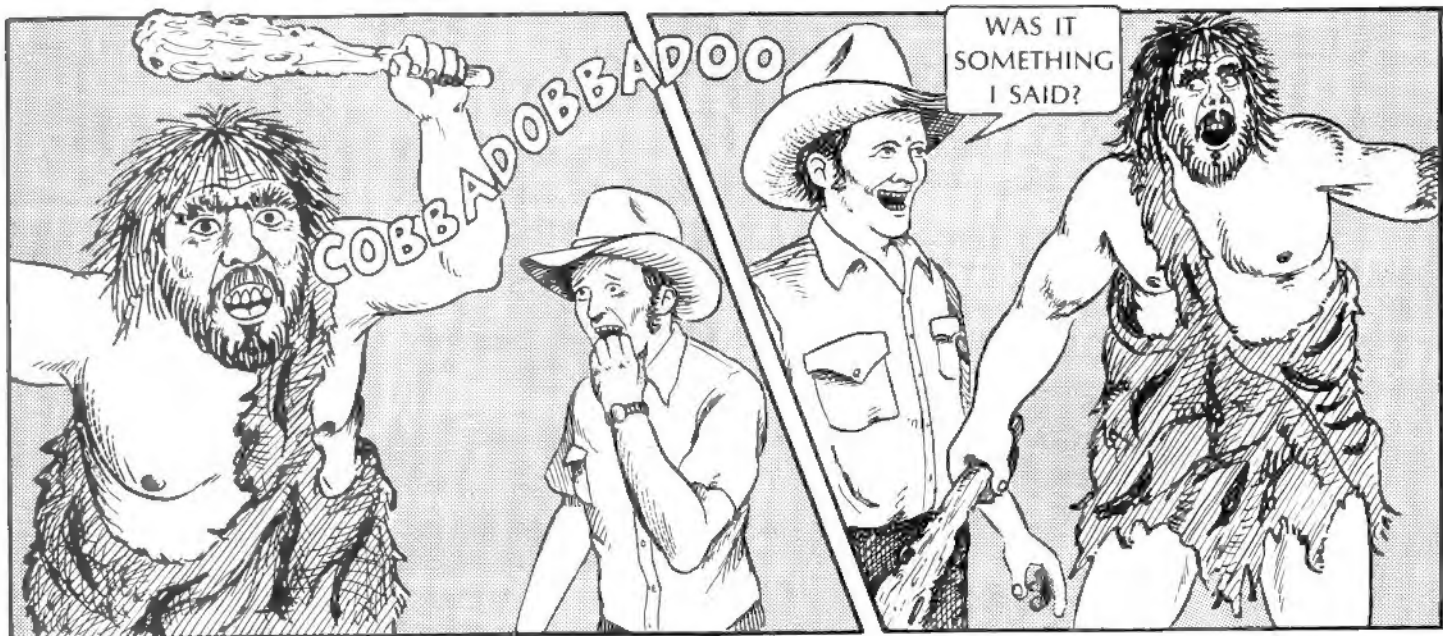
AFTER A MOMENT CAVEMAN COBB CURIOUSLY CLIMBS INTO THE FRESHLY MADE OPENING AND MAKES HIS WAY TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD.



AFTER CAVEMAN COBB REACHES THE SURFACE, HE NOTICES A GEOTHERMAL DRILLING RIG. HE HAS NEVER SEEN SUCH ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND DECIDES TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.



A FOREMAN ON THE RIG IS THE FIRST TO MEET CAVEMAN COBB FACE TO FACE.



BUT HIS FIRST CONFRONTATION WITH MODERN MAN IS A BIT TOO MUCH FOR HIM TO HANDLE, SO HE DISAPPEARS INTO THE WOODS.



THAT CAVEMAN COBB IS SOMETHING ELSE! I DON'T THINK X K VADER KNEW WHAT HE WAS GETTING HIMSELF INTO WHEN HE BROUGHT HIM BACK TO LIFE. ANYWAY OUR LITTLE ROBOT FRIEND ENDS UP ON MT. KONOCTI AND ALTHOUGH HE IS STILL MALFUNCTIONING HIS MEMORY BANKS TELL HIM HE SHOULD BE DRILLING FOR BETA QUARTZ CRYSTALS.

THIS LOOKS LIKE A PRIME SPOT FOR MINING!



LET'S LEAVE X K VADER TO HIS TASK. THINKING BACK TO THE FIRST ISSUE YOU'LL REMEMBER THAT OUR TWO SCIENTIST FRIENDS, DR. BULBOUS AND UNDERWATER EXPERT HAWK BOOSTOW HAD ENTERED THE INNER CAVERNS OF MT. KONOCTI AIDED BY THEIR TWO-MAN SUBMARINE. ONCE INSIDE THEY WERE FACED WITH THE CREATURE FROM CLEAR LAKE, BUT IT QUICKLY SUBMERGED. THE CURIOUS MEN DECIDED TO VACATE THE SUBMARINE AND EXPLORE THE MYSTERIOUS INNER CAVERNS. HEARING SOME STRANGE NOISES THE TWO SCIENTISTS STUMBLE ACROSS OLD SILVERSIDES.



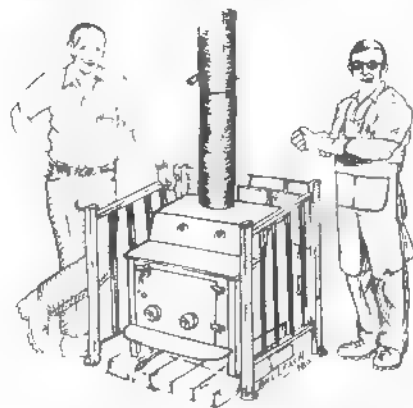
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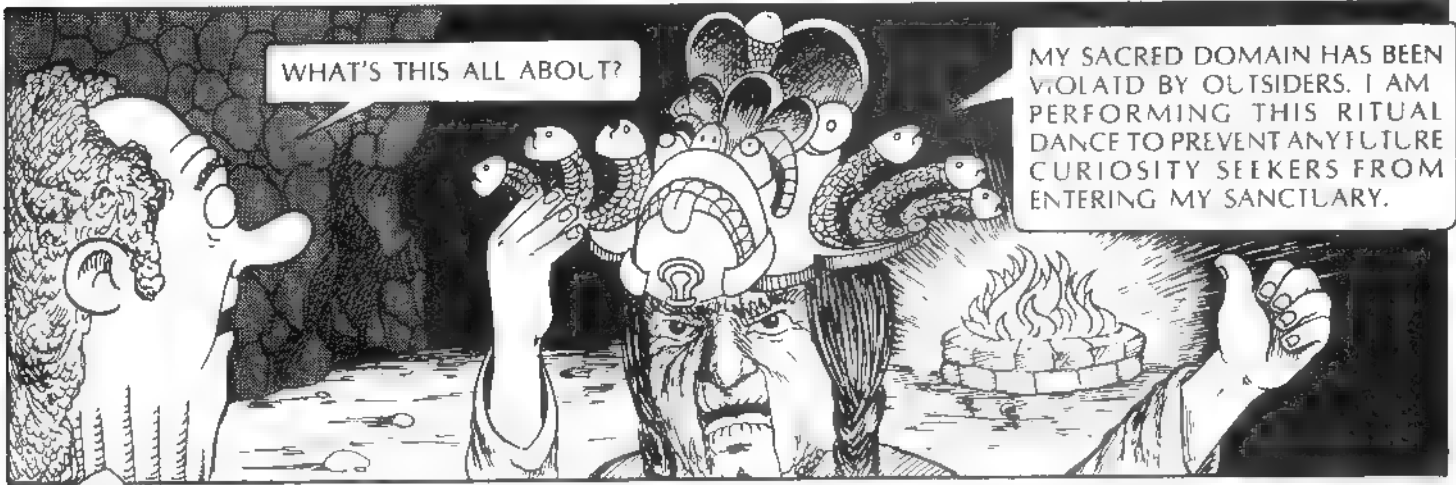
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JAKE (THE CANDYMAN) & HIS
PAL JUMPIN' JOHNNY.

DINING ROOM



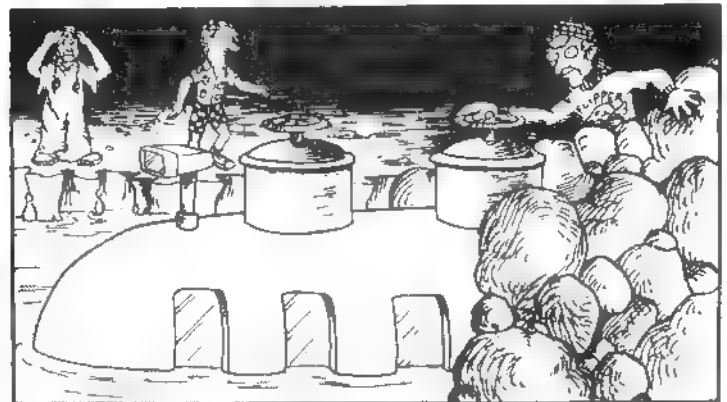
OLD SILVERSIDES BECOMES AWARE OF THEIR PRESENCE AND CEASES HIS RITUAL DANCE.



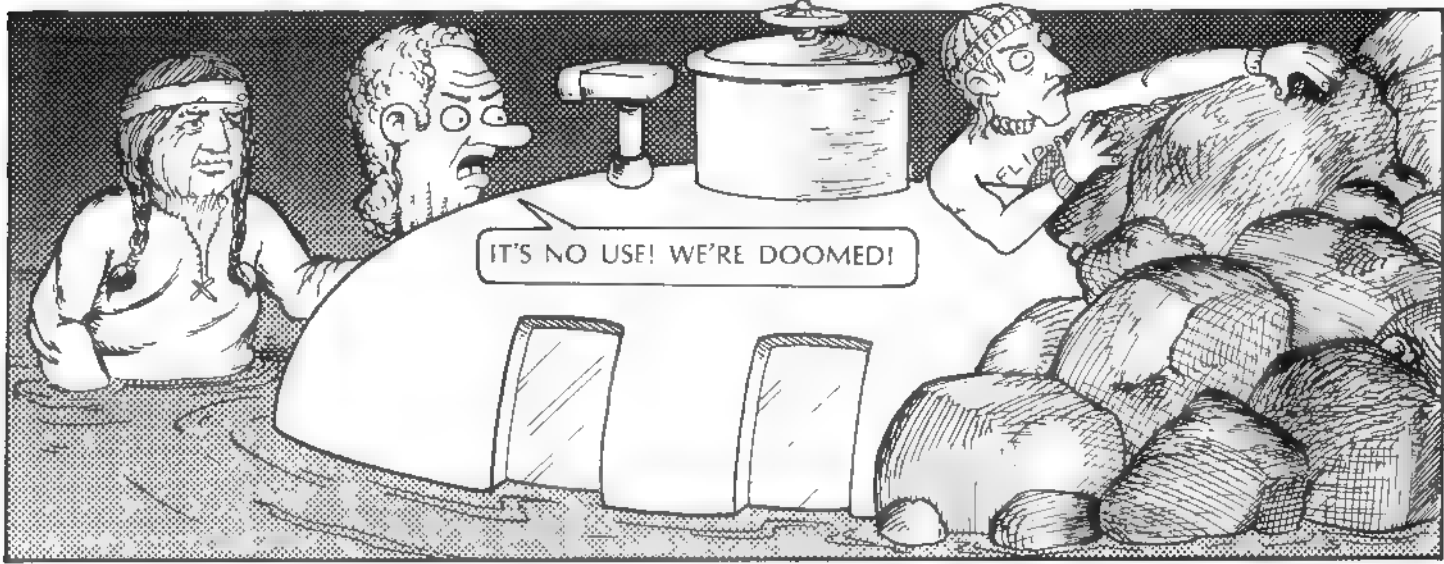
MEANWHILE X K VADER BEGINS TO DRILL INTO MT. KONOCTI, BREAKING THROUGH THE HARDENED VOLCANIC LAYERS OF ROCK—ONLY TO CREATE A TREMENDOUS PRESSURE RELEASE OF SULFUR GAS AND LAVA, NOT TO MENTION AN EARTHQUAKE TREMOR WHICH TRAPS THE ROBOT UNDER TONS OF VOLCANIC ROCK.



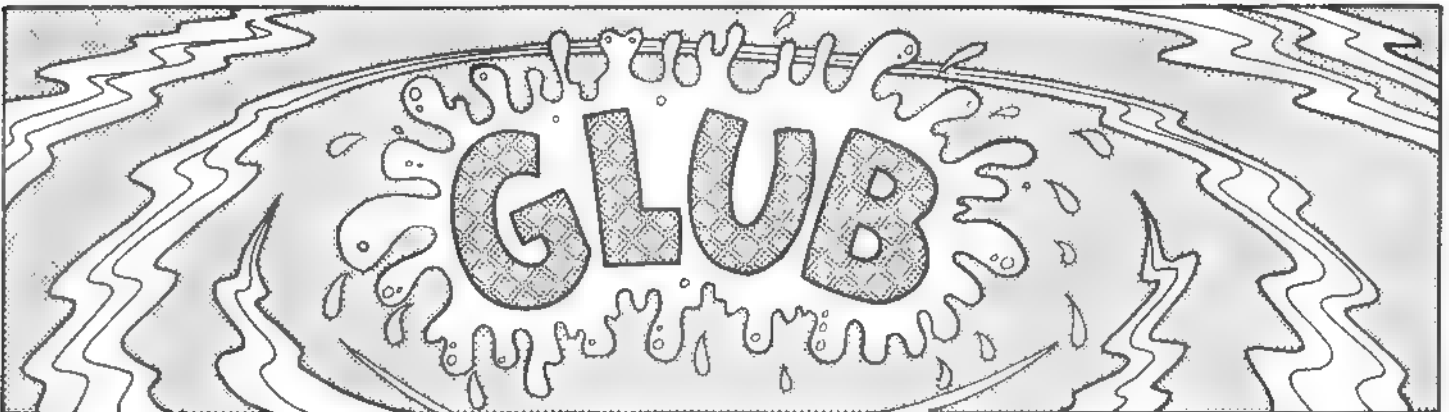
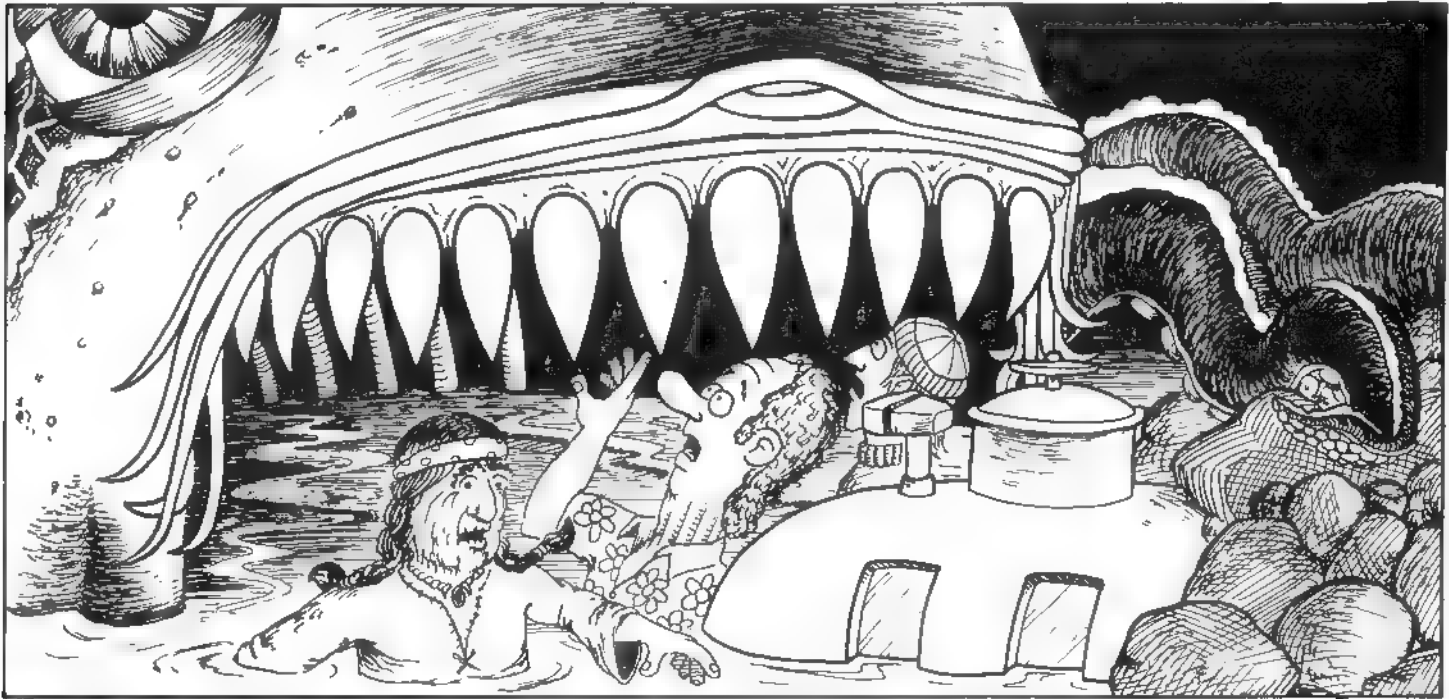
THE THREE MEN REACH THE SUBMARINE ONLY TO FIND IT PARTIALLY BURIED WITHIN A ROCKSLIDE.

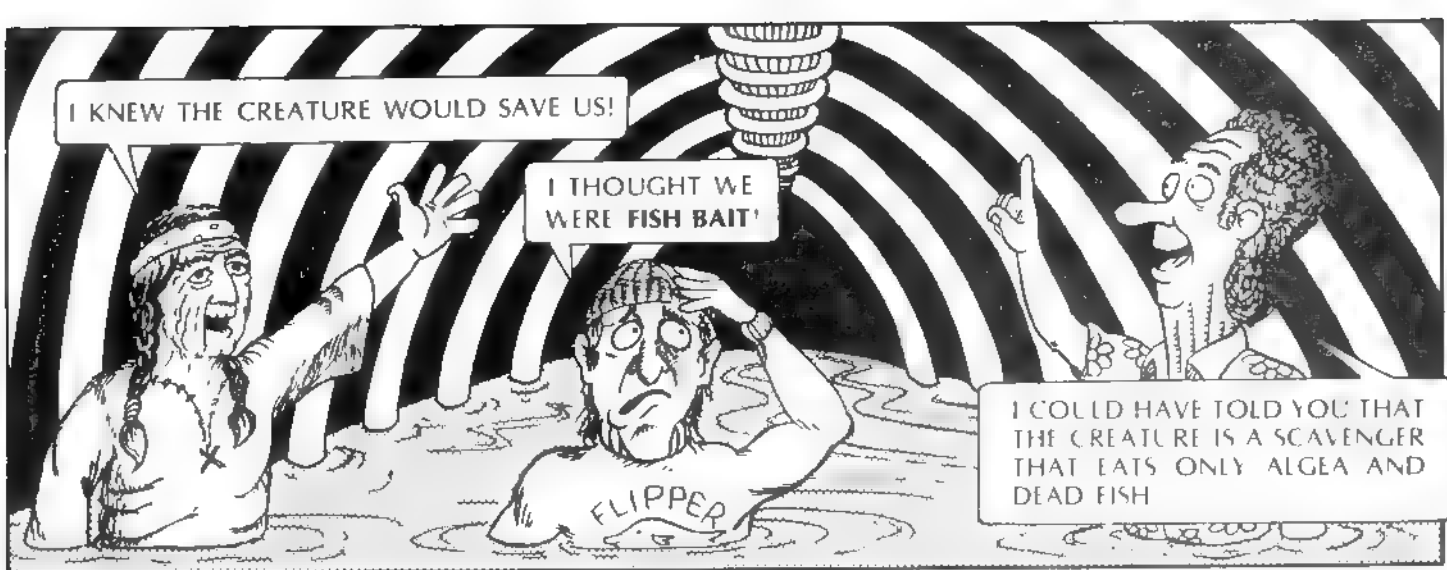


ACTING QUICKLY THEY JUMP IN THE WATER AND BEGIN THEIR FUTILE ATTEMPT TO RELEASE THE HALF BURIED SUBMARINE.

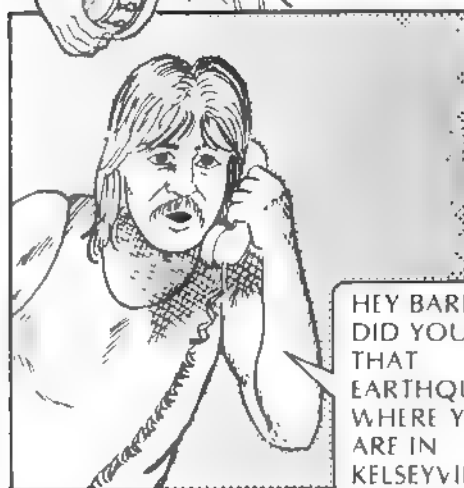


SUDDENLY THE CREATURE EMERGES AND WITH ONE HUGE GULP, SWALLOWS THE THREE MEN, THEN SUBMERGES.

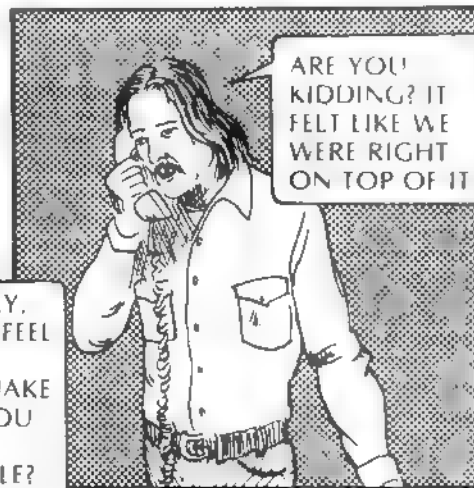




BOY THOSE THREE WERE SURE LUCKY THAT THE CREATURE CAME ALONG TO SAVE THEM. BUT WHAT'S TO BECOME OF MT. KONOCTI? ONLY TIME WILL TELL. SINCE WE'RE WAITING WE MIGHT AS WELL DROP IN ON BILL LEACH AT HIS LAKEFRONT HOME IN CLEARLAKE HIGHLANDS. BILL AND HIS FRIEND BARRY CUNNINGHAM WERE THE TWO MEN THAT DISCOVERED THE MYSTIC RHYTHM WITH WHICH THEY WERE ABLE TO SUMMON THE CREATURE FROM THE DEPTHS OF CLEAR LAKE. BUT ENOUGH ABOUT THAT, LET'S SEE WHAT BILL THOUGHT OF THE LITTLE EARTHQUAKE HE JUST EXPERIENCED.



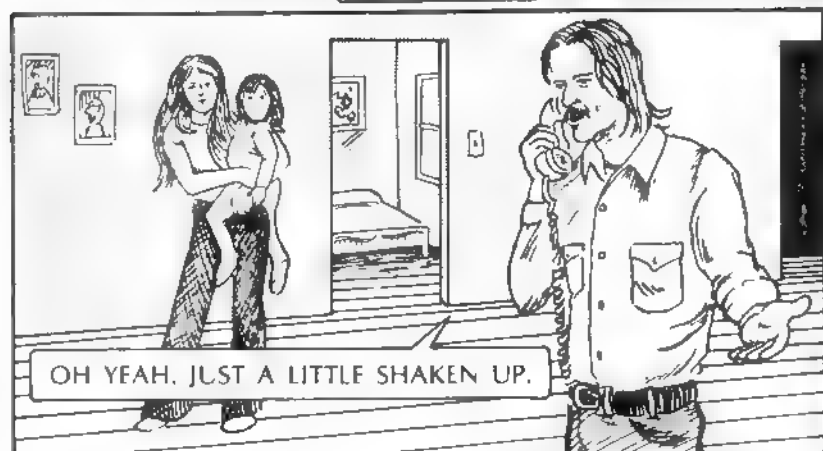
HEY BARRY, DID YOU FEEL THAT EARTHQUAKE WHERE YOU ARE IN KELSEYVILLE?



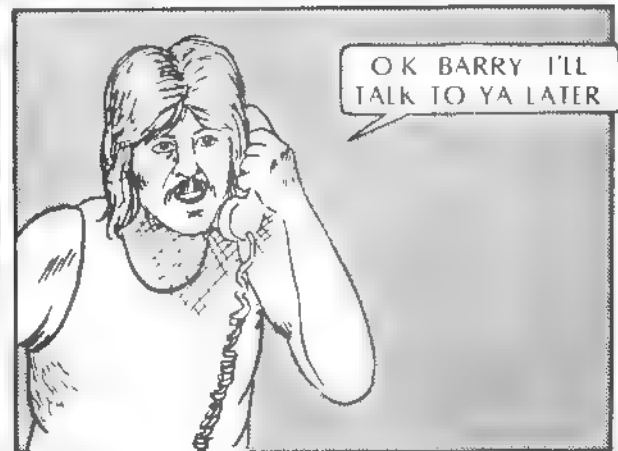
ARE YOU KIDDING? IT FELT LIKE WE WERE RIGHT ON TOP OF IT!



IS EVERYONE THERE ALL RIGHT?



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BUT AS BILL BEGINS TO FOCUS HIS CAMERA A BEAUTIFUL FACE FILLS THE IMAGE AREA OF HIS LENS.



THE LAKE NYMPH CONTINUES TO SPEAK, BUT BILL CAN HARDLY HEAR THE VOICE COMING FROM THE TINY BEING. SHE BECOMES AWARE OF THIS AND WITH A NOD OF HER HEAD, BECOMES THE SIZE OF AN AVERAGE HUMAN.



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I'LL CALL HARRY AND BEGIN PREPARATION FOR THE MYSTIC RHYTHM!



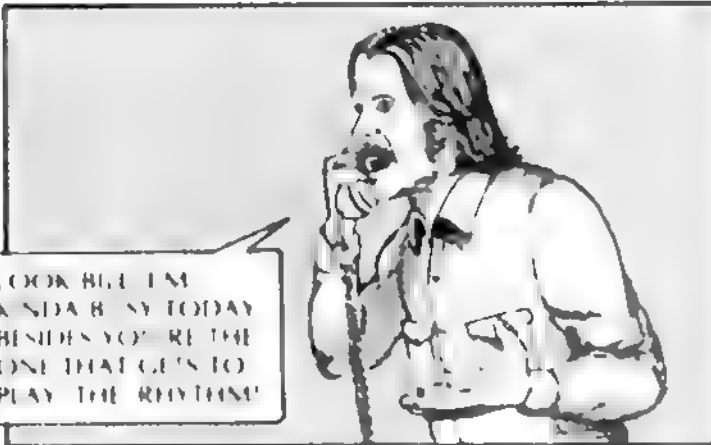
HARRY'S NOT KONOCU'N. SPOOKS, A GIANT SLEEF CLOUD AND A WATER NYMPH TOLD ME THAT WE'VE GOT TO CONJURE THE CREATURE AND SAVE LAKE COUNTY!



SLOW DOWN! YOU AREN'T MAKING ANY SENSE!



IT'S TRUE, I SWEAR. IT WE HAVE GOT TO PLAY THE MYSTIC RHYTHM!



LOOK BUT I'M KINDA BUSY TODAY BESIDES YOU'RE THE ONE THAT GUS TO PLAY THE RHYTHM!



WHY? COME ON, HARRY, IT'LL BE FUN AND YOU CAN EVEN PLAY THE CONJUCON!



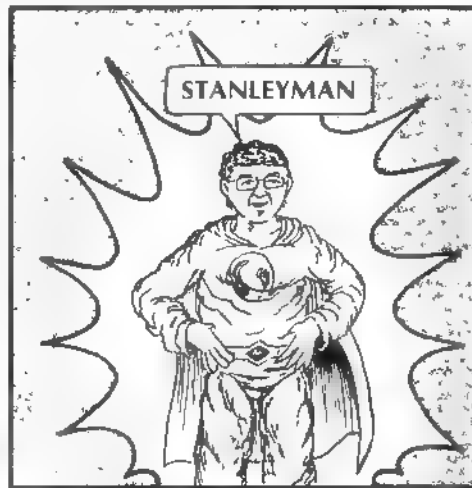
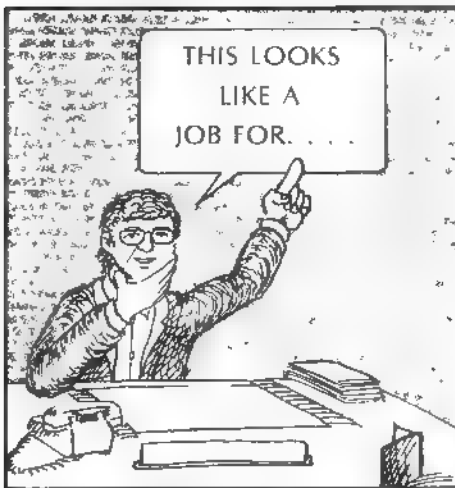
I GET TO PLAY THE CONJUCON? MINIMUM SOUNDS GOOD, I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!



WELL, BARRY IS ON HIS WAY TO BILL'S HOUSE. BUT WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT IS THE SAFETY OF DR. BULBOUS, HAWK BOOSTOW AND OLD SILVERSIDES. THE THREE MEN WERE LET OUT ON THE BANKS OF CLEAR LAKE AND AS THE CREATURE DISAPPEARED, THE TRIO MADE THEIR WAY BACK TO HAWK'S SUMMER RETREAT.



DR. BULBOUS EXPLAINS THE STRANGE DILEMMA AND GIVES JOHN DIRECTIONS TO HAWK BOOSTOW'S SUMMER RETREAT.



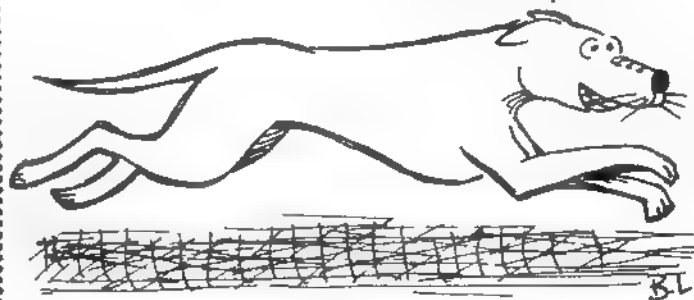
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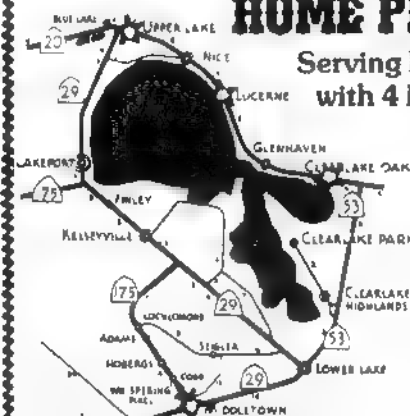
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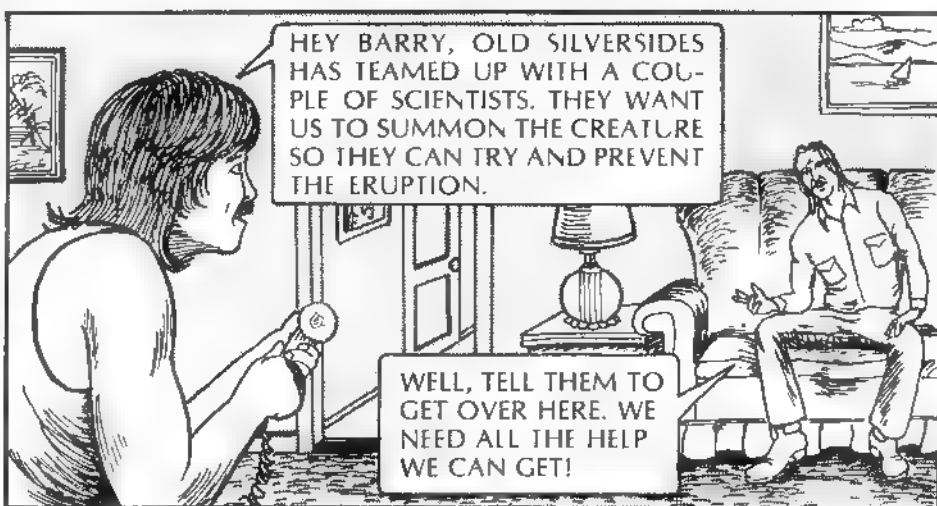
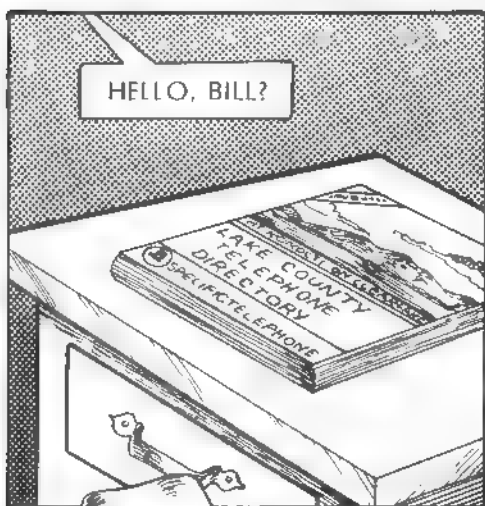
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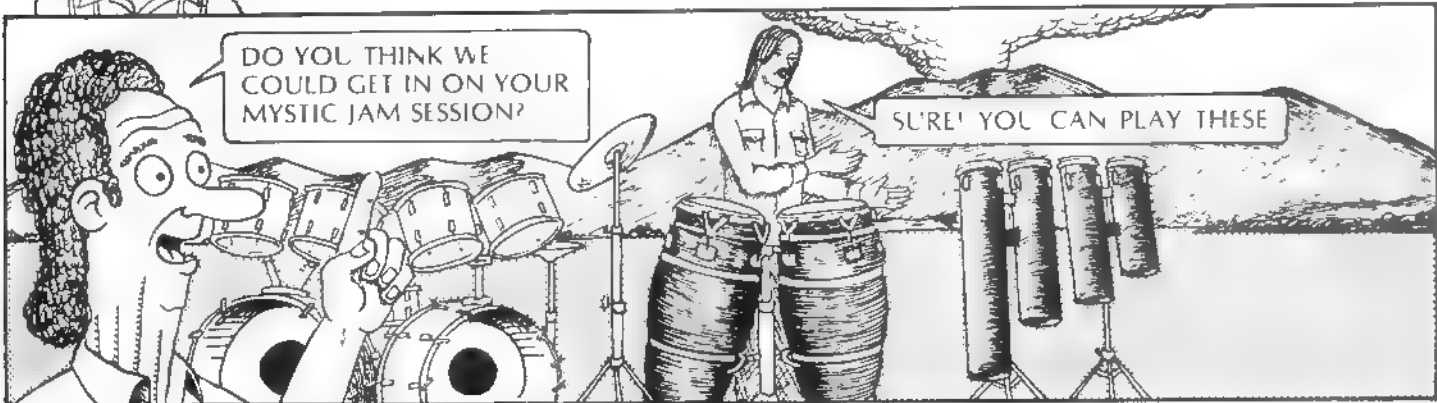
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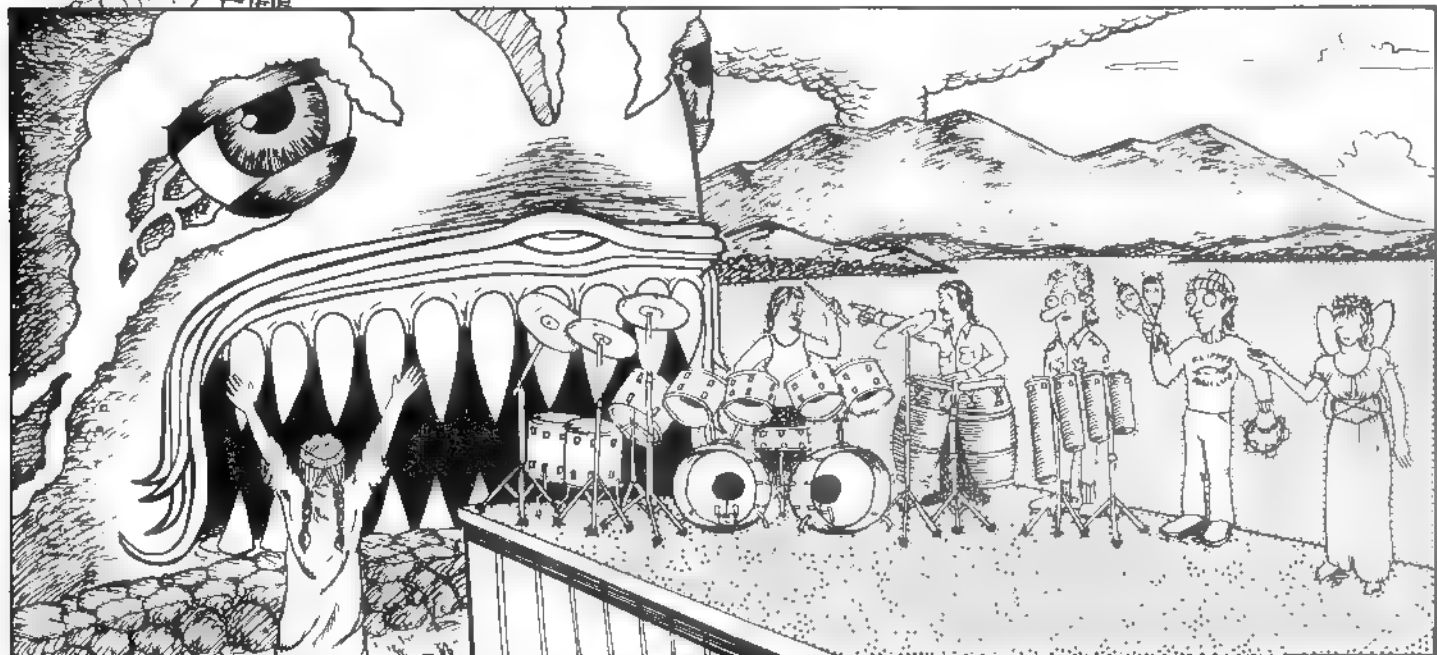
HEY YOL GLYS!
LOOK WHAT I'VE GOT!

DO YOL WANT TO GET
IN ON THE ACTION?

HMMMMM NAW, I'VE HAD
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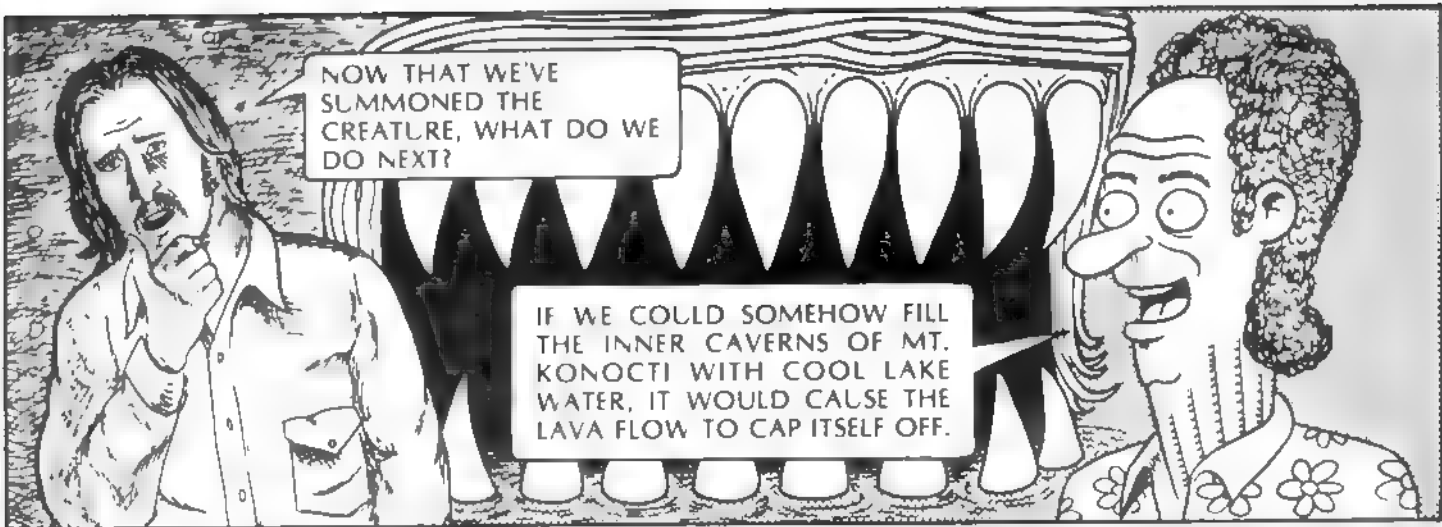
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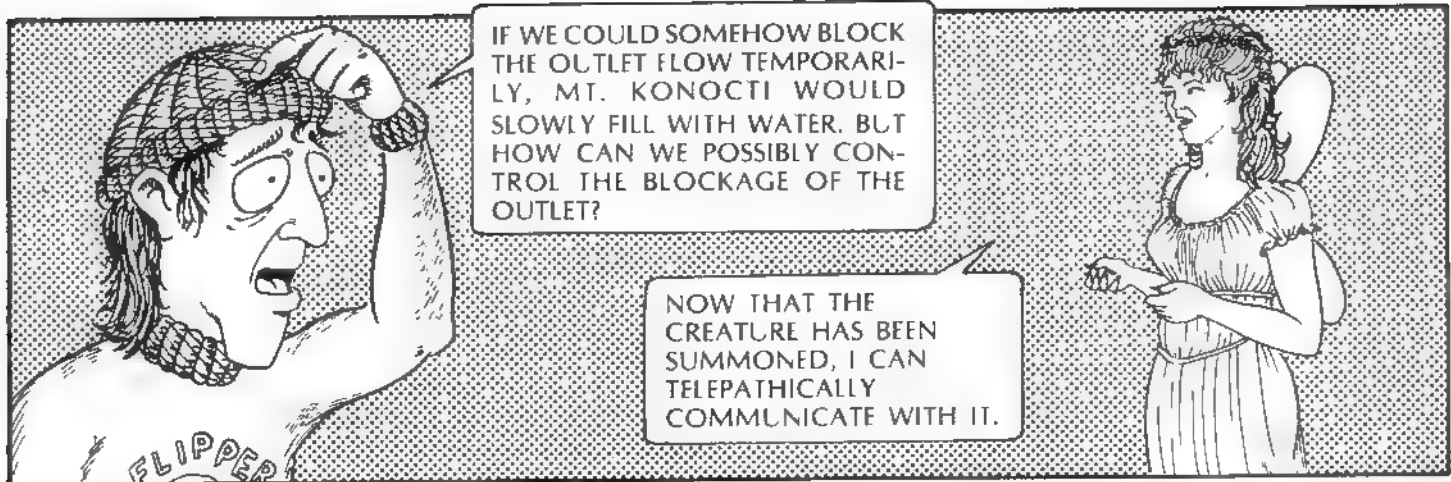
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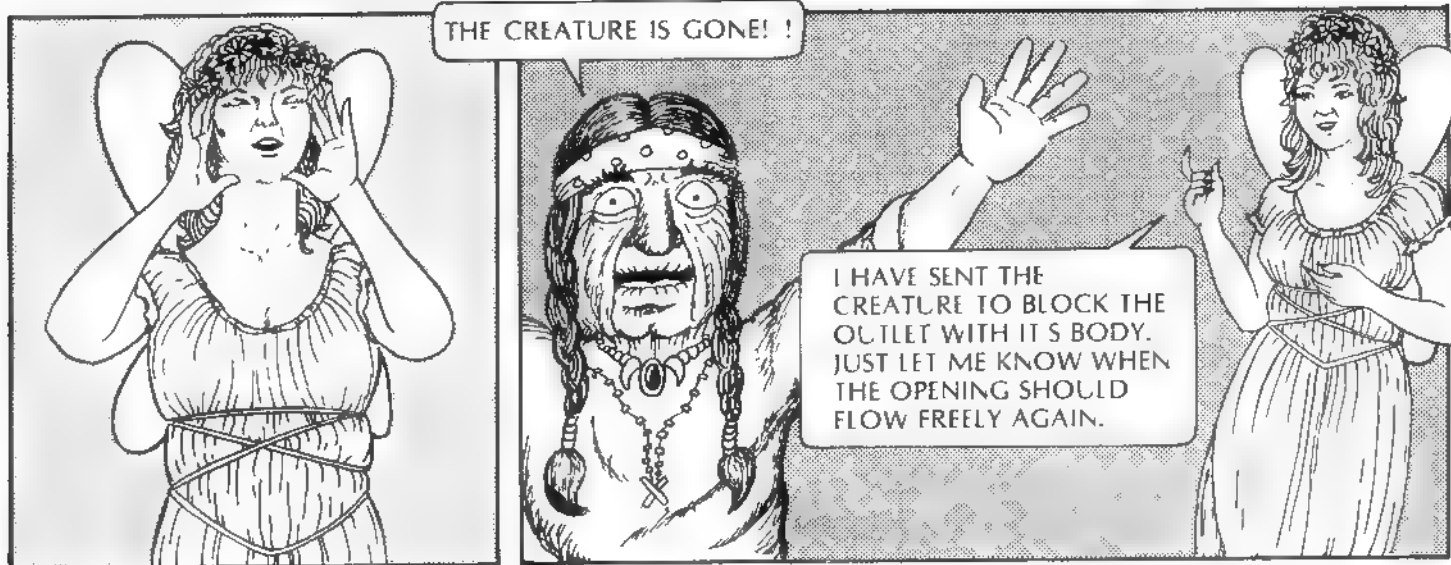


NOBODY IN THE GROUP REALLY KNOWS WHAT CAUSED THE GEOLOGICAL CHANGE, BUT THEY ARE ALL AWARE THAT THEY MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.



IF WE COULD SOMEHOW BLOCK THE OUTLET FLOW TEMPORARILY, MT. KONOCTI WOULD SLOWLY FILL WITH WATER. BUT HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY CONTROL THE BLOCKAGE OF THE OUTLET?

NOW THAT THE CREATURE HAS BEEN SUMMONED, I CAN TELEPATHICALLY COMMUNICATE WITH IT.



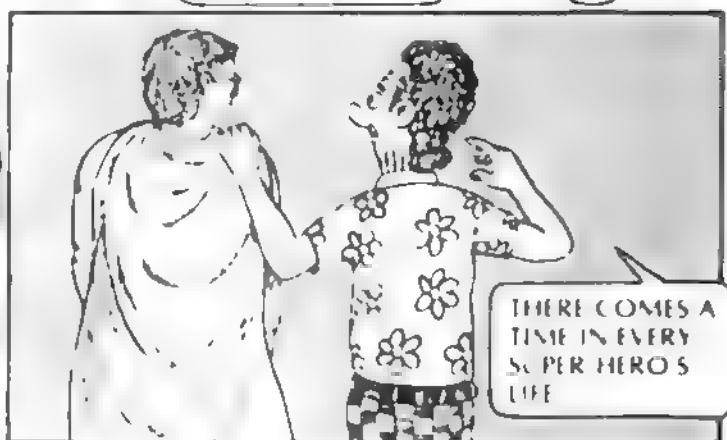
THE CREATURE IS GONE! !

I HAVE SENT THE CREATURE TO BLOCK THE OUTLET WITH IT S BODY. JUST LET ME KNOW WHEN THE OPENING SHOULD FLOW FREELY AGAIN.



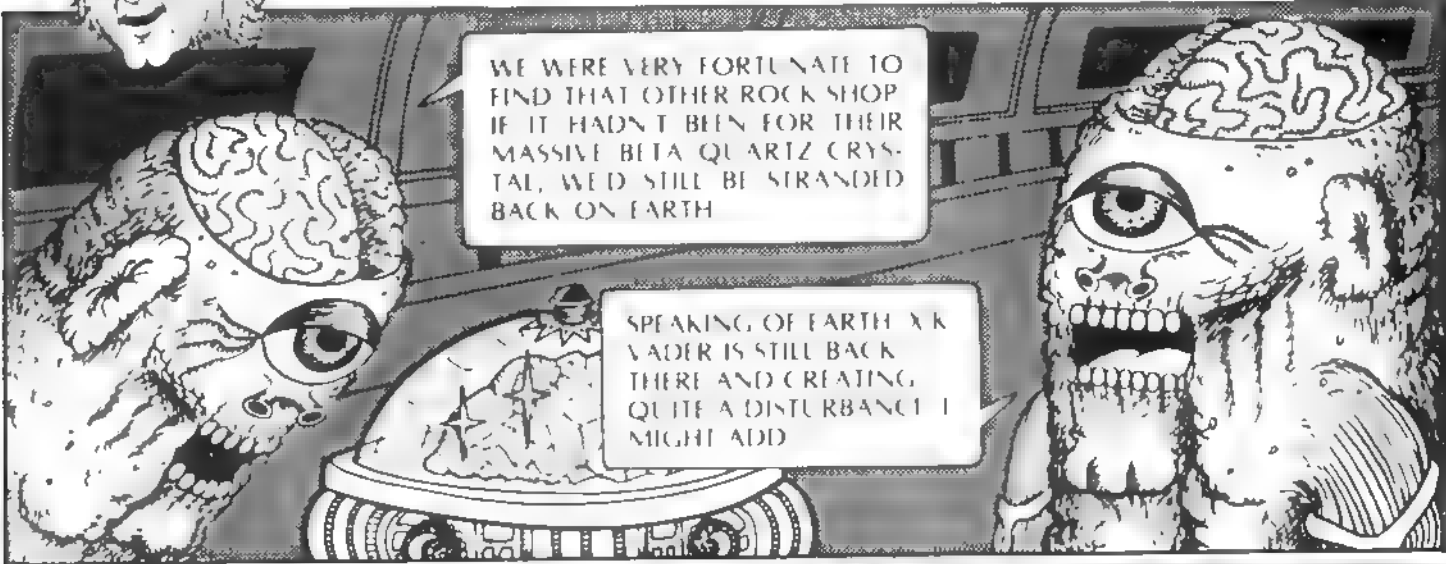
I THINK THAT'LL DO IT.

I THINK WE'D BETTER WAIT A BIT, JUST TO BE SURE THE LAVA FLOW IS COMPLETELY SUBMERSED.



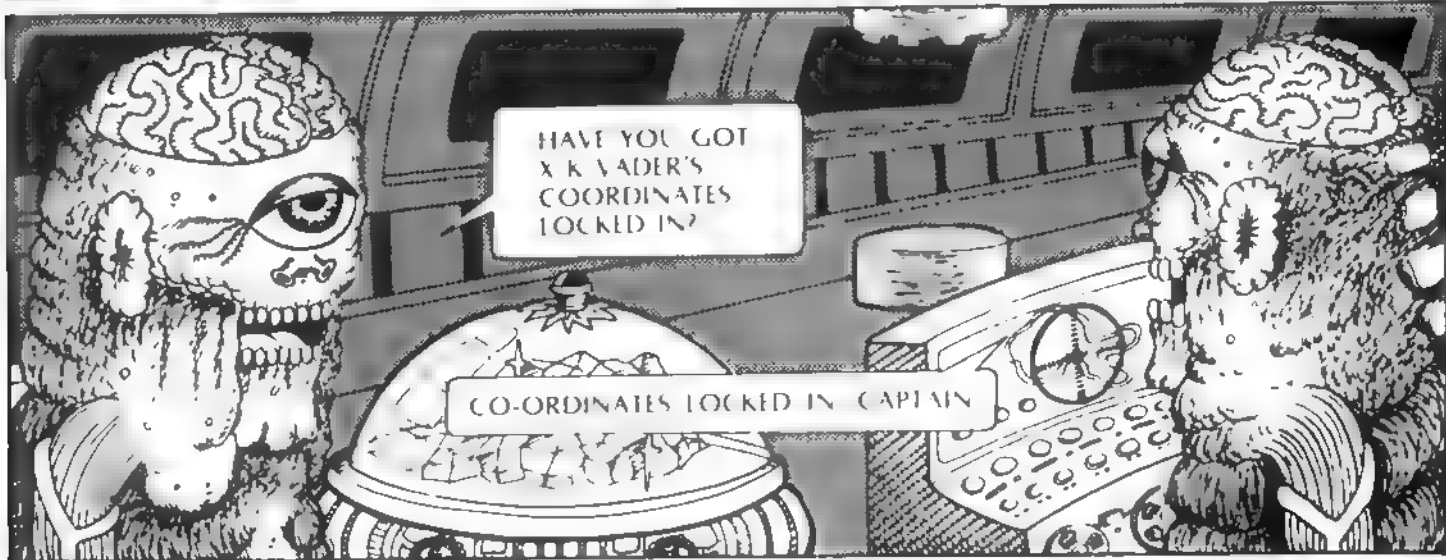


WELL IT SEEMS THAT THE VOLCANIC CRISIS IN LAKE COUNTY HAS BEEN SOLVED. BUT WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO OUR LITTLE FRIEND X K VADER AND HIS CREATORS WHO WERE TRAPPED HERE ON EARTH?



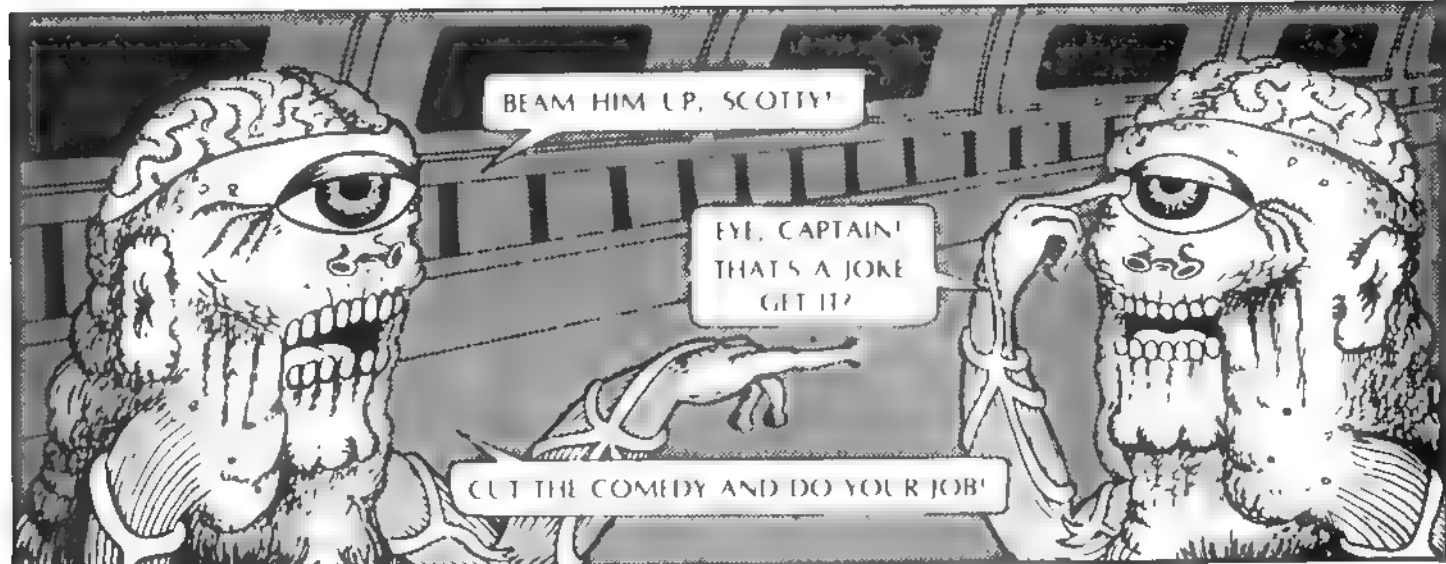
WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE TO FIND THAT OTHER ROCK SHOP IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THEIR MASSIVE BETA QUARTZ CRYSTAL, WE'D STILL BE STRANDED BACK ON EARTH

SPEAKING OF EARTH X K VADER IS STILL BACK THERE AND CREATING QUITE A DISTURBANCE I MIGHT ADD



HAVE YOU GOT X K VADER'S COORDINATES LOCKED IN?

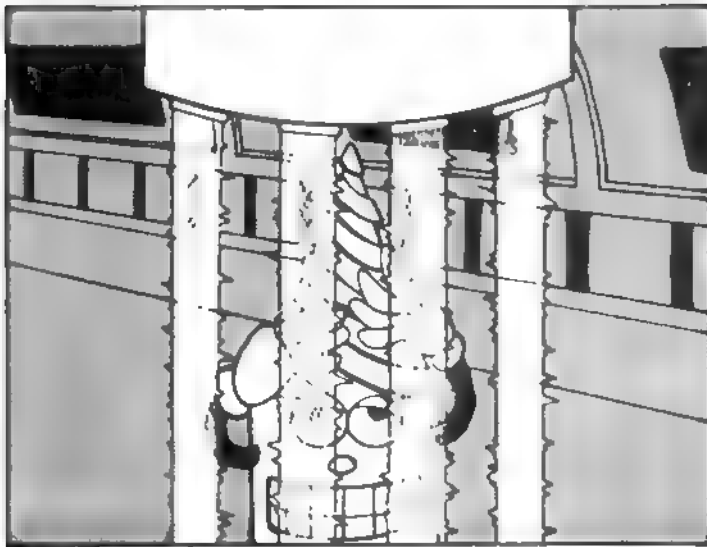
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BEAM HIM UP, SCOTTY!

EYE, CAPTAIN! THAT'S A JOKE GET IT?

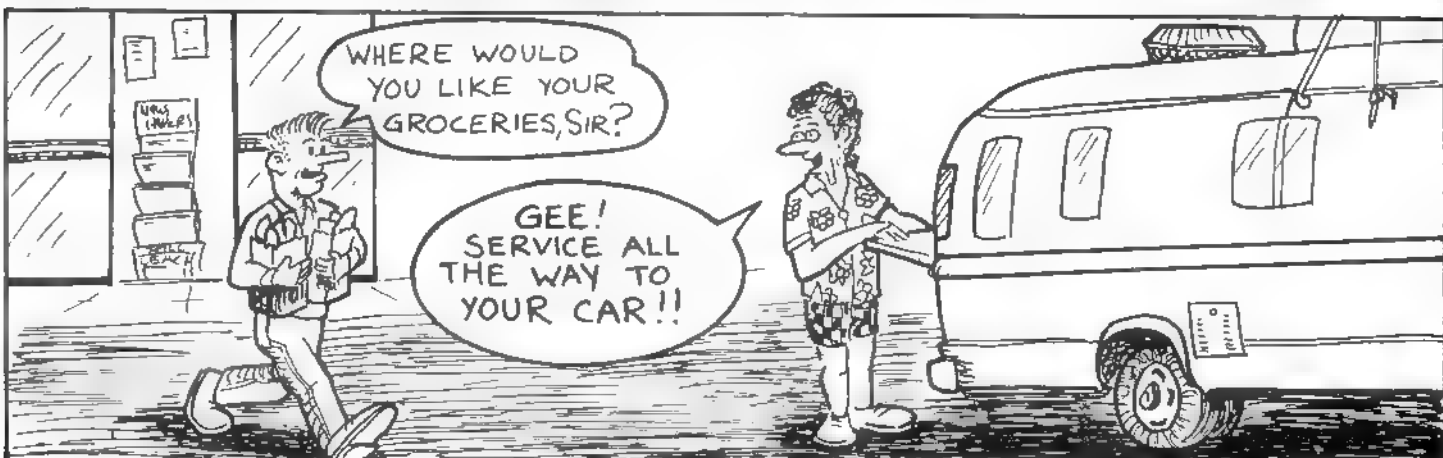
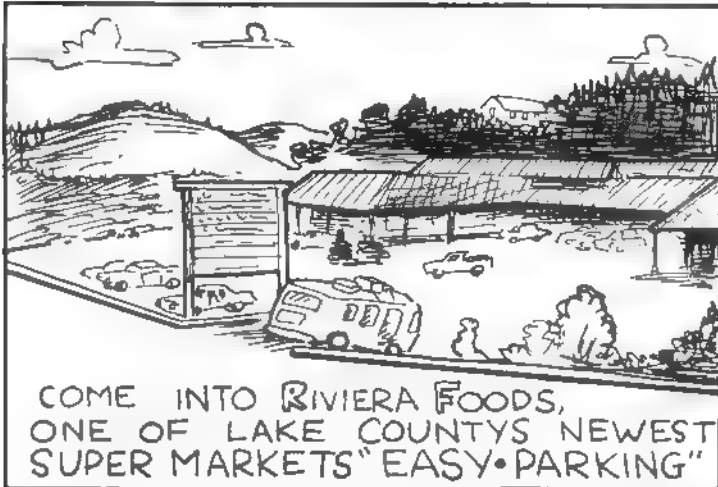
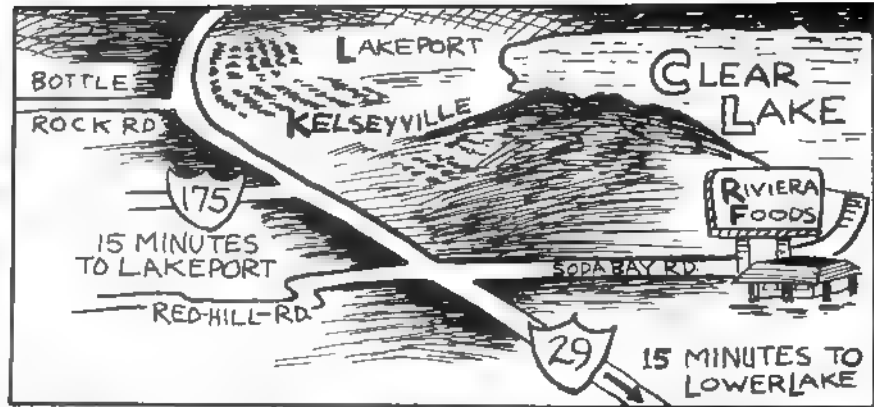
CUT THE COMEDY AND DO YOUR JOB!



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AFTER. I KNOW IT SOUNDS
CORN, BUT WHAT THE HECK. . .

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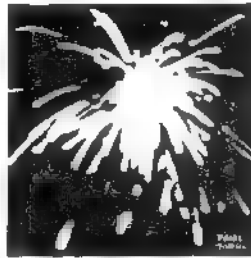
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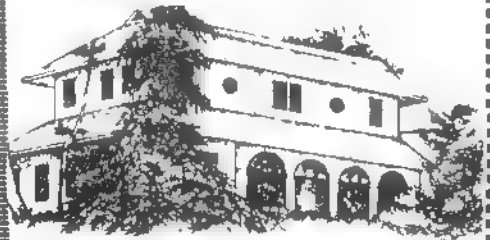
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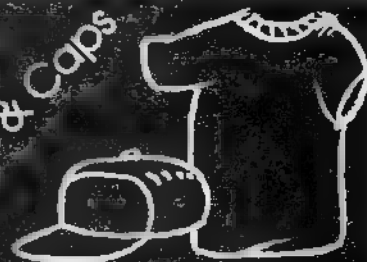
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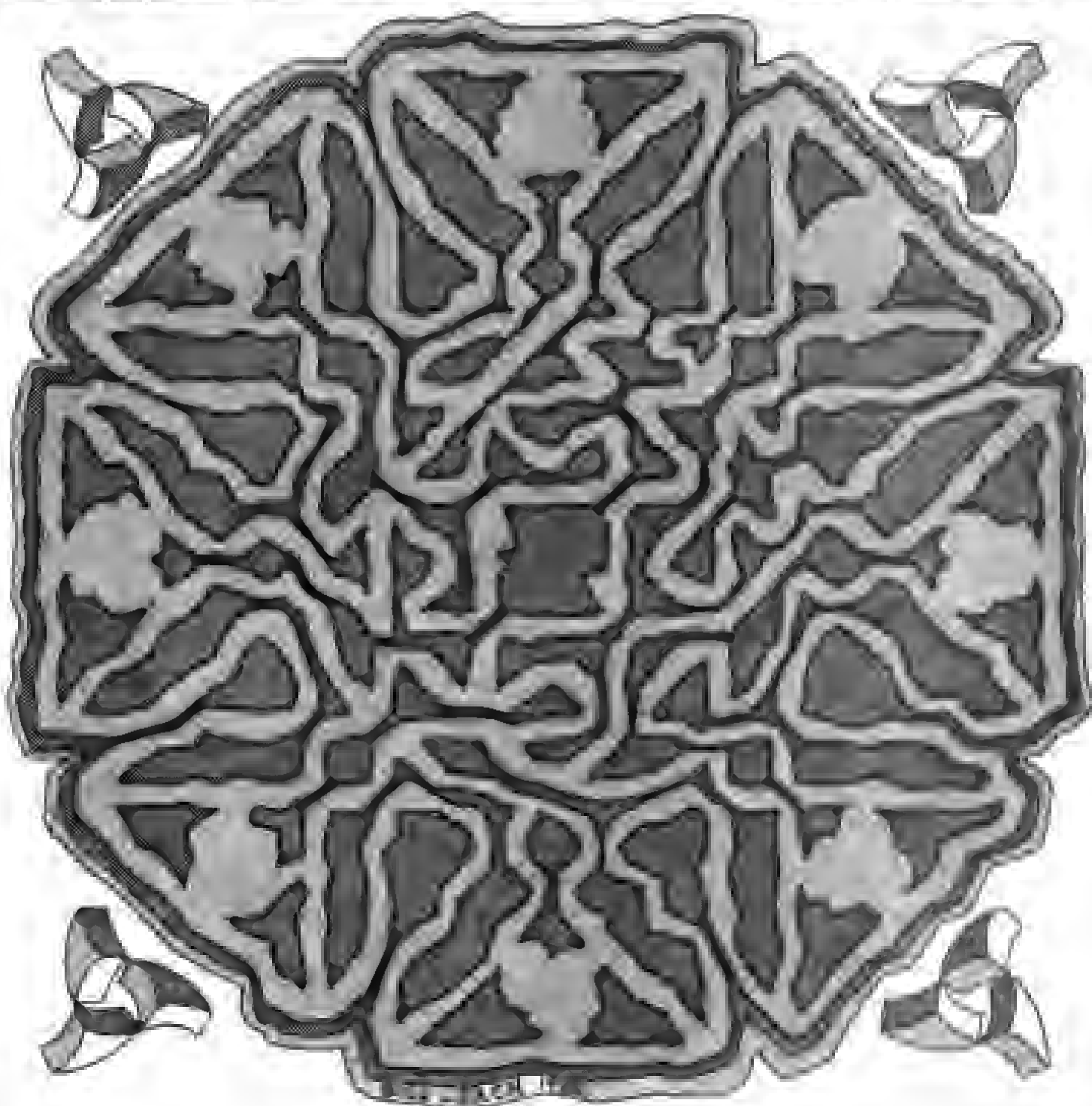
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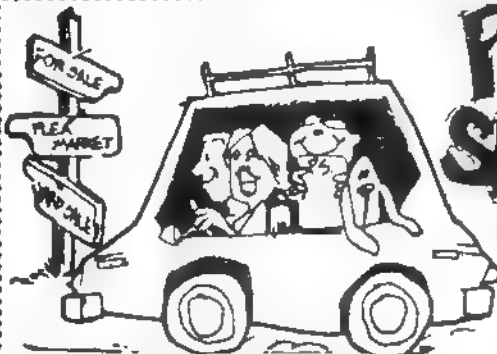


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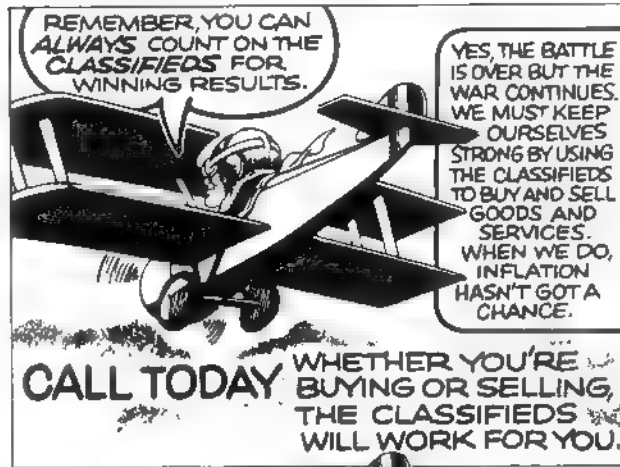
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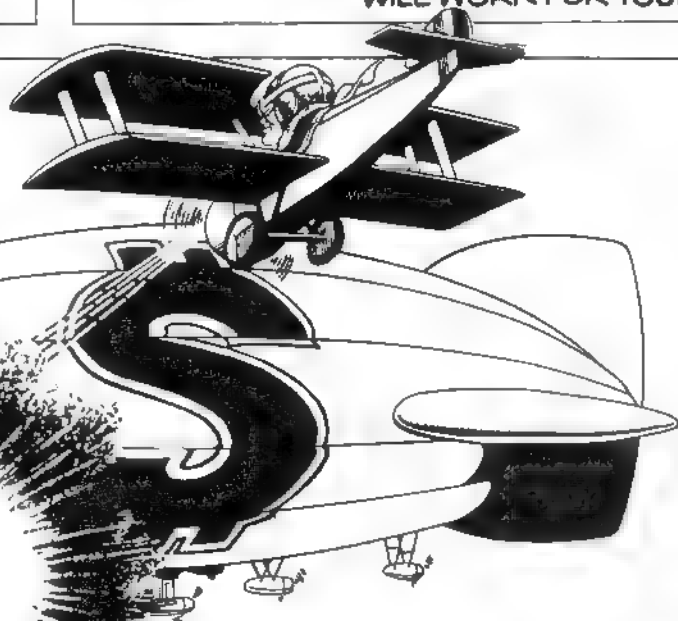
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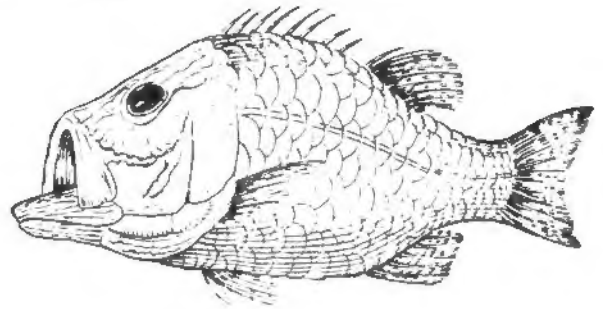
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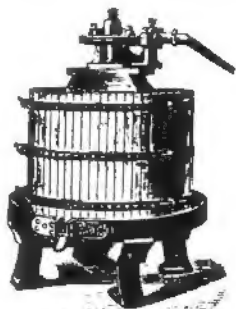
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